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Section II: REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the changes as noted above in Section I be made to the present application.

In the above-referenced Office Action, which was mailed on 7/15/2004, claims 1-7, 9-13, 15-16 and 19-24 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Hesse (U.S. Patent 5,950,010), claim 8 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over a combination of Hesse in view of Chen (U.S. Patent 6,496,979 B1) and claims 14, 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over a combination of Hesse in view of Nabahi (U.S. Patent 6,006,035). Those rejections are respectfully traversed. However, in order to further the prosecution of the present application, and without waiving any of applicant's rights to argue the allowability of the originally presented claims in a subsequent appeal or other proceeding in the event that the Examiner does not concur that the present amendment places the application in condition for allowance, applicant has herein amended the claims for clarification purposes to place them in better condition for allowance or appeal.

The present invention provides a means by which software identification information, such as a user name or software package serial number, is extracted from a software package by determining the manner in which software modules are organized in the software package. With the present invention, user identification or the serial number identification of a particular software package may be ascertained by the manner in which the software package modules are arranged. In one example, the identification information is represented in binary format, i.e. a series of "1's" and "0s", and that identification